

## ABSTRACT

A method and apparatus for splicing programs in the MPEG domain, wherein  
program data is carried in MPEG transport streams (TS) of data packets. The  
5 data packets carry application data, e.g. video and audio data, and a header  
provided with control data. According to the invention control data objects are  
established for each data packet for storing time references and data packet  
status information. The control data objects are queued in different queues  
dependent on the data packet status or on the status of a group of data packets.  
10 Control data objects associated to data packets to be output in an output stream  
of data packets are selected from the queues, whereupon selected control objects  
are assembled to a program of associated data packets of different kinds of data.  
Finally, data packets associated to said selected and assembled control data  
15 objects are assembled to an output stream of data packets.

(Fig 1)